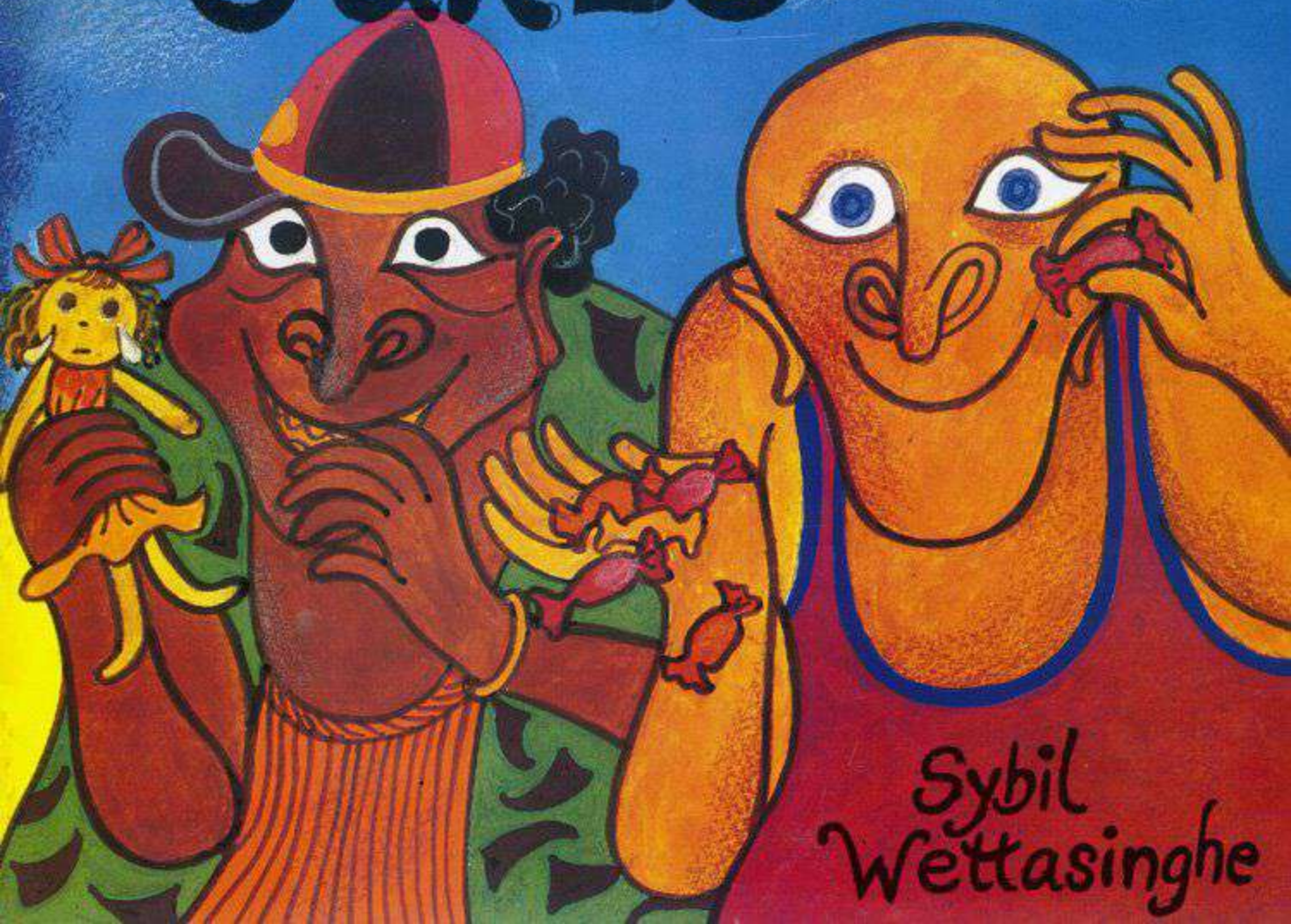
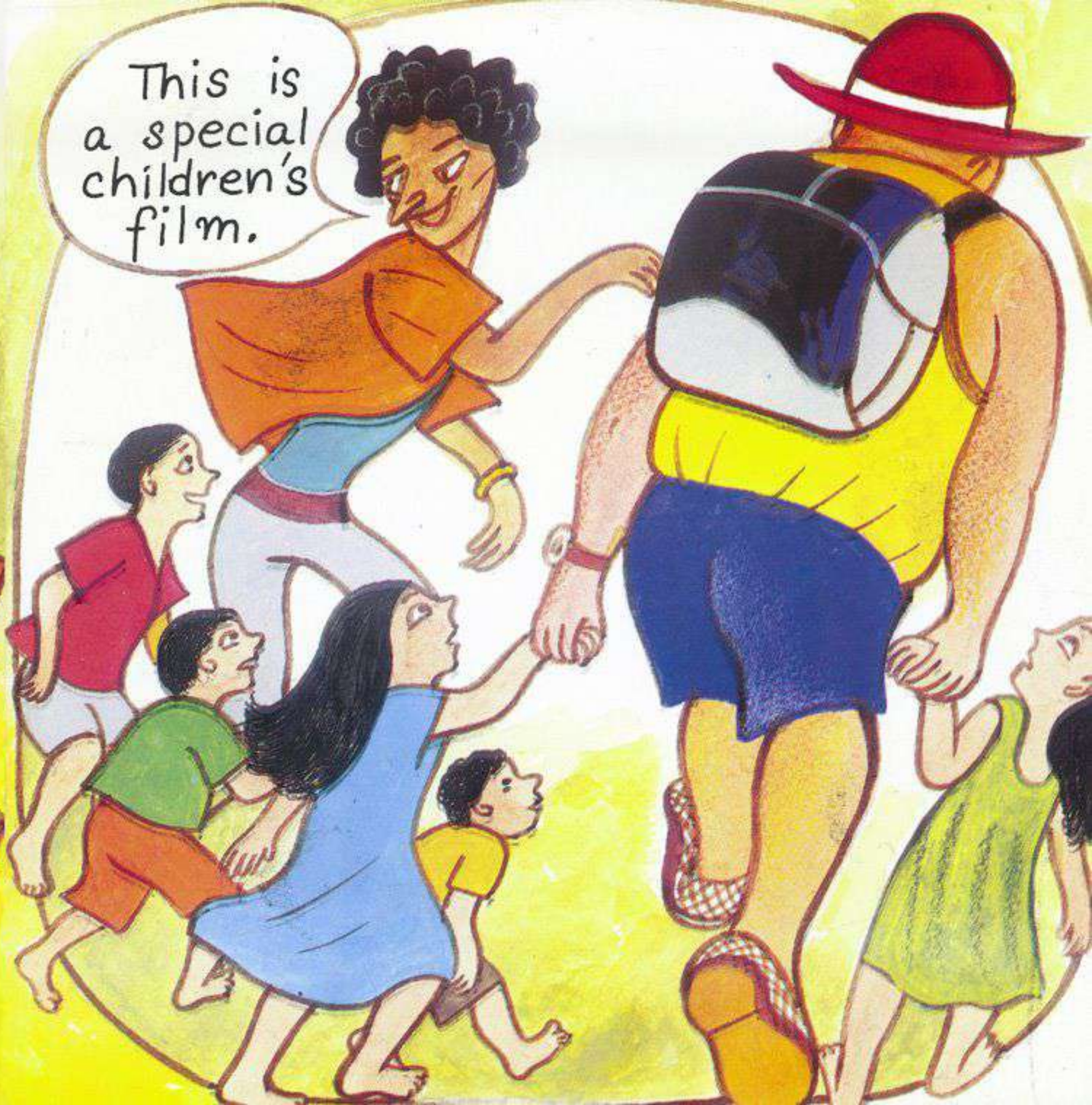


SUGAR CANDY OGRES



Sybil
Wettasinghe





Why, why?
what's this?
why are you
crying?

They
did
something
awful!

They gave you
gifts and lied
to us.

What
madness was
this to send
the children
with strangers
eh!

Did you
see the
film?

What
happened?

What
did they
do?

Don't
know how
to tell.

We don't
know how
to tell you.

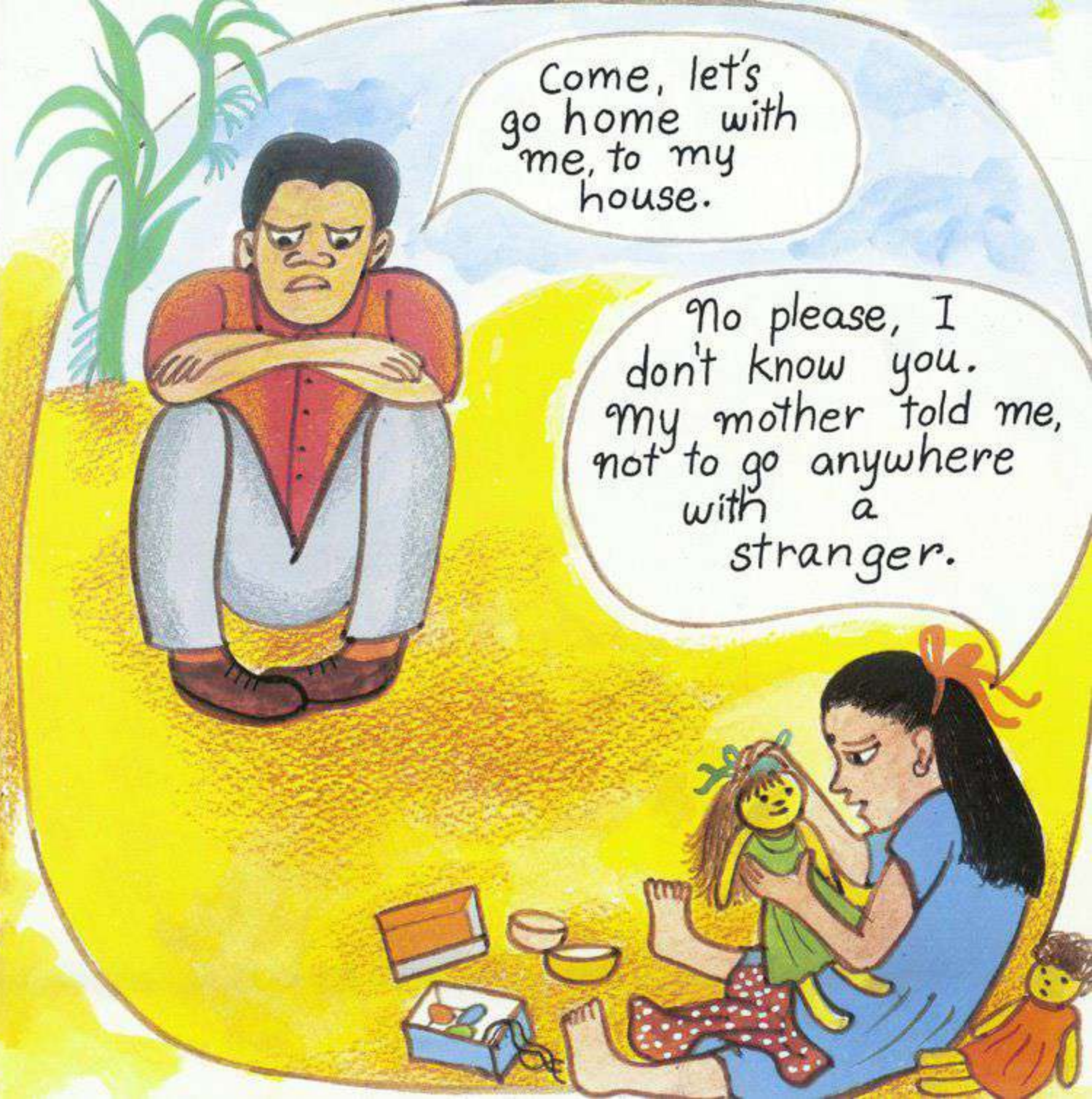
They
harassed us,
to pose for
photographs



O! Lord
help me.
help! help!

Now he is touching
his own body
wonderfully well:
I garlanded him,
with 'kahabiliya'

'kahabiliya' is a creeper
that causes severe
itching.



Come, let's
go home with
me, to my
house.

No please, I
don't know you.
My mother told me,
not to go anywhere
with a
stranger.

These are tasty,
imported toffees.
Take some.

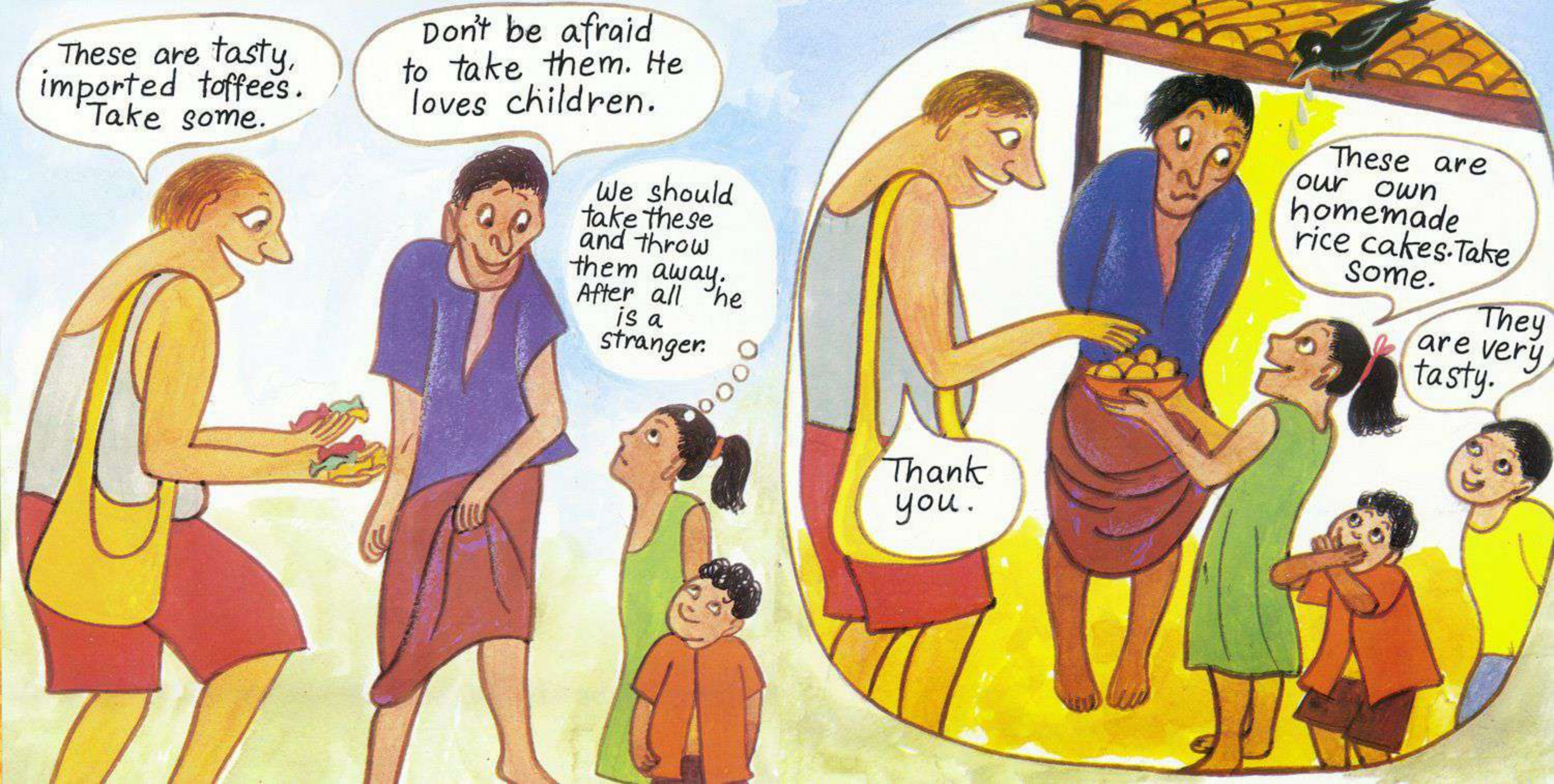
Don't be afraid
to take them. He
loves children.

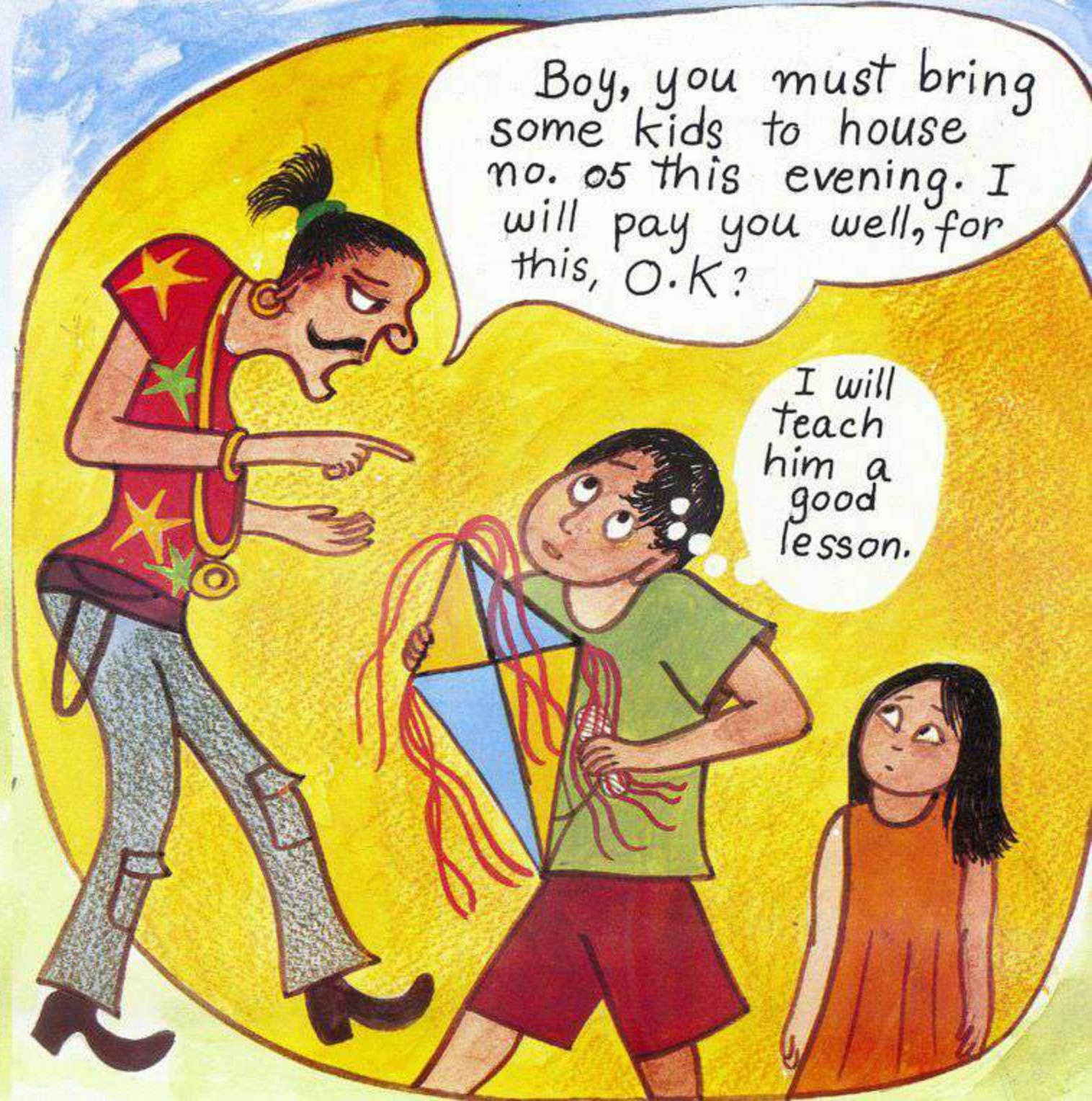
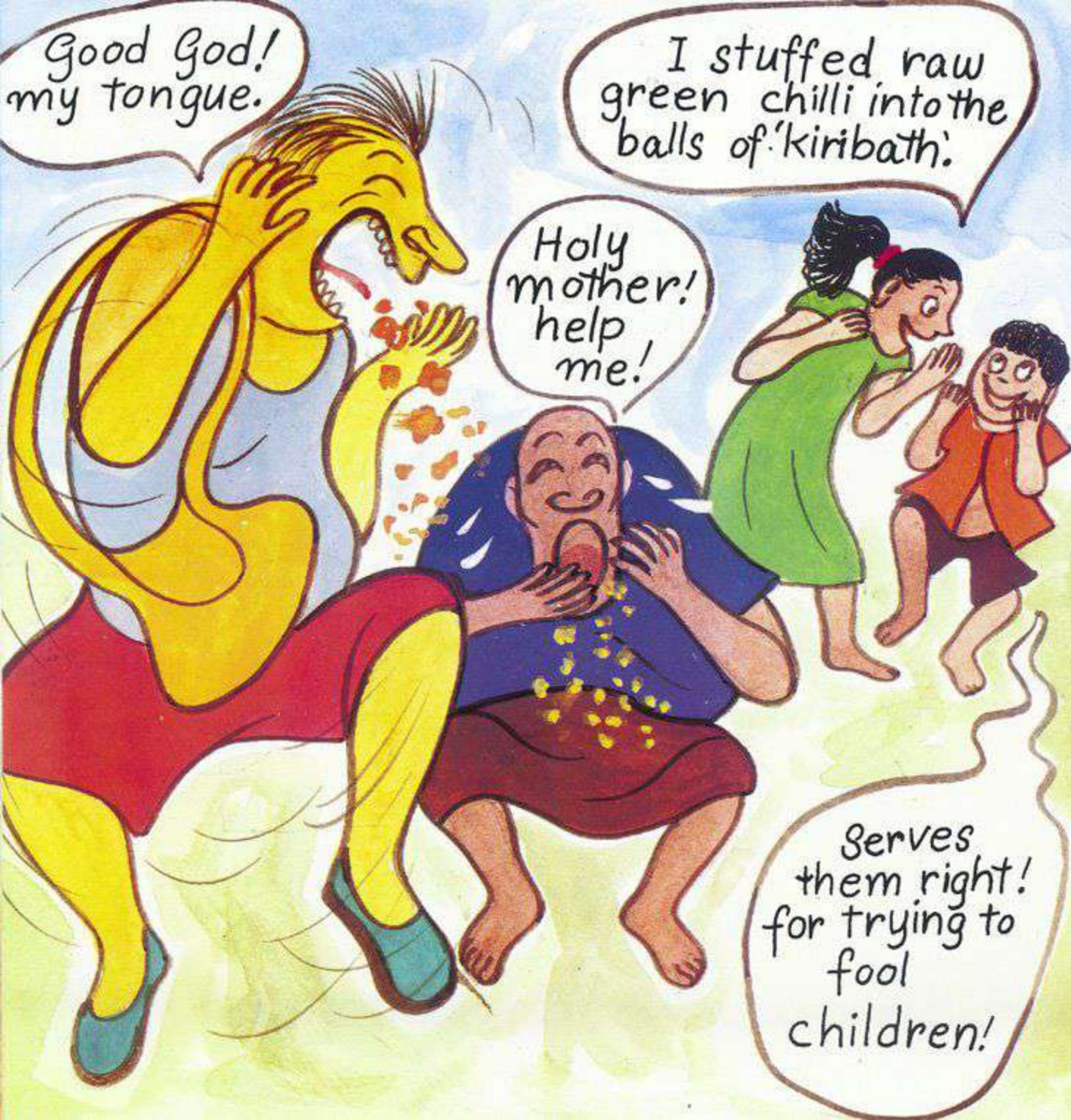
We should
take these
and throw
them away.
After all he
is a
stranger.

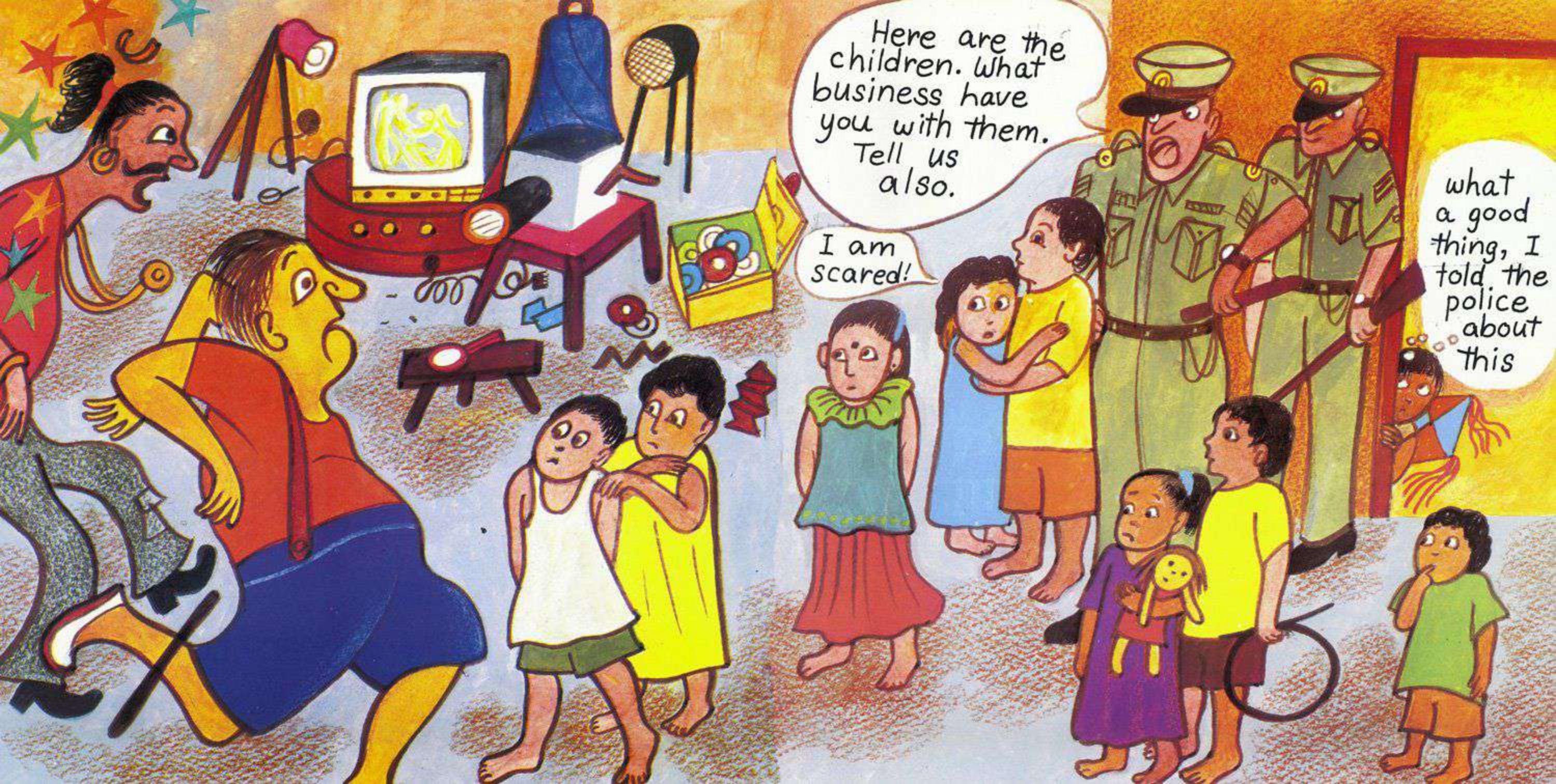
Thank
you.

These are
our own
homemade
rice cakes. Take
some.

They
are very
tasty.



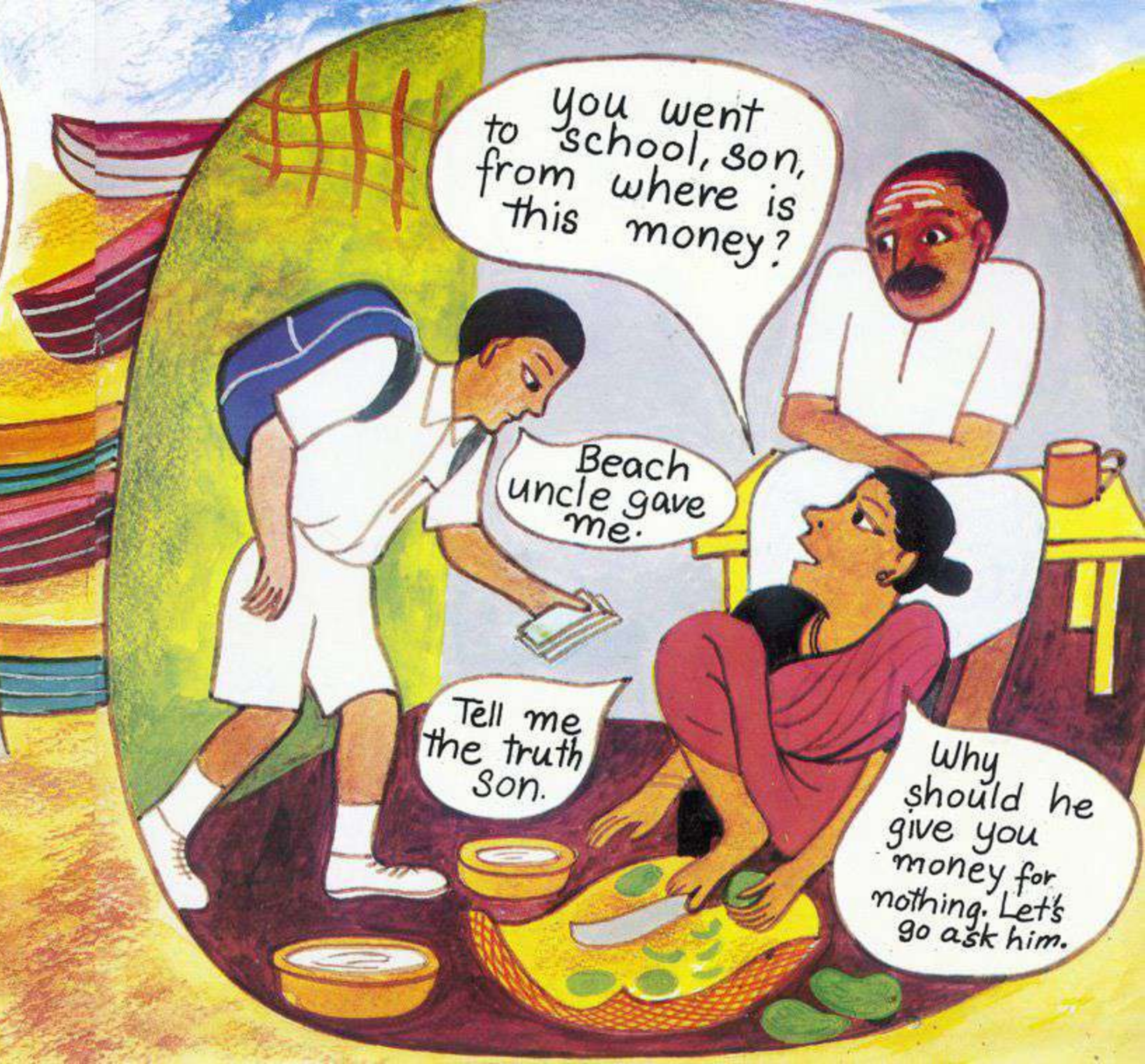
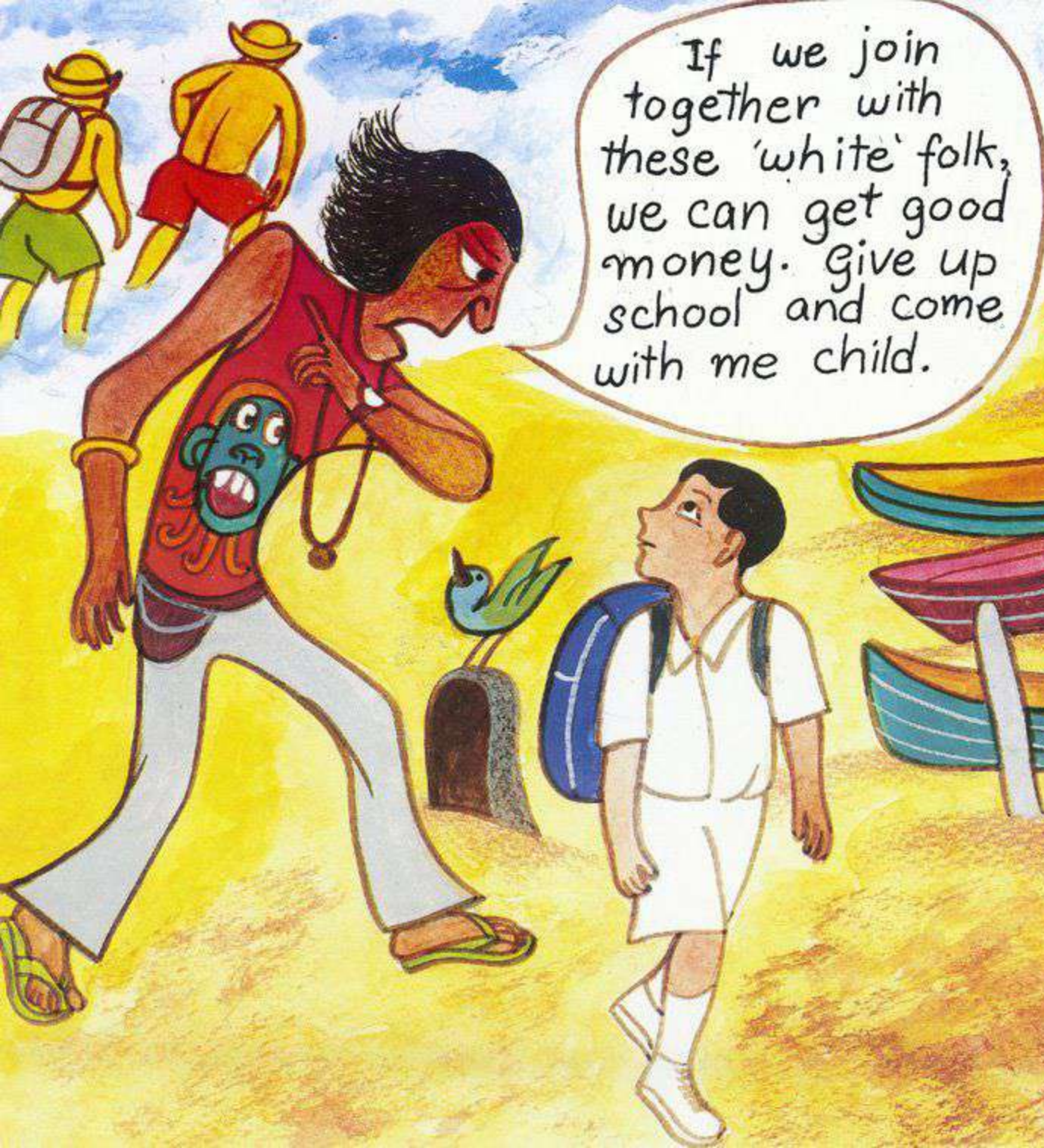


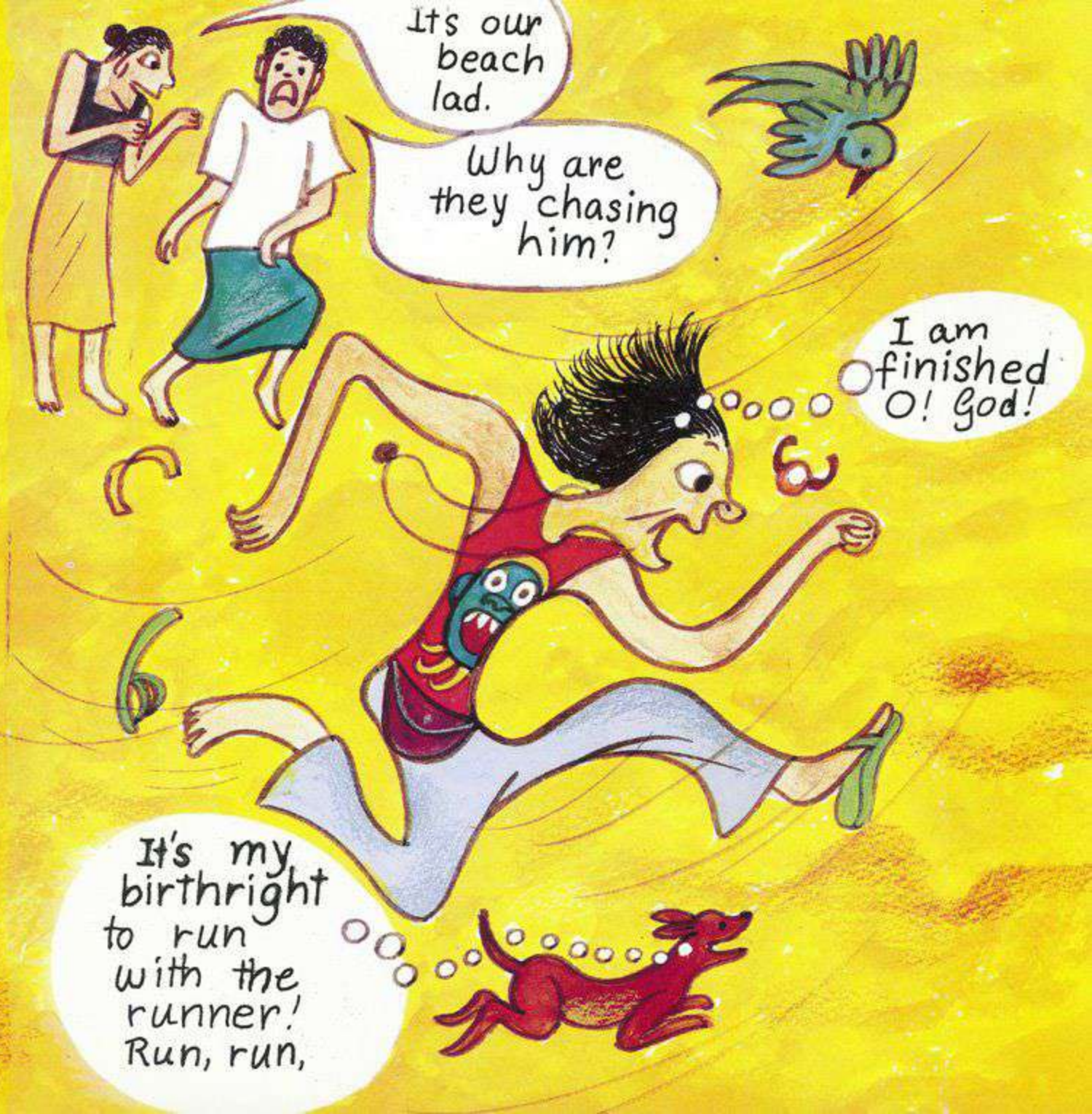
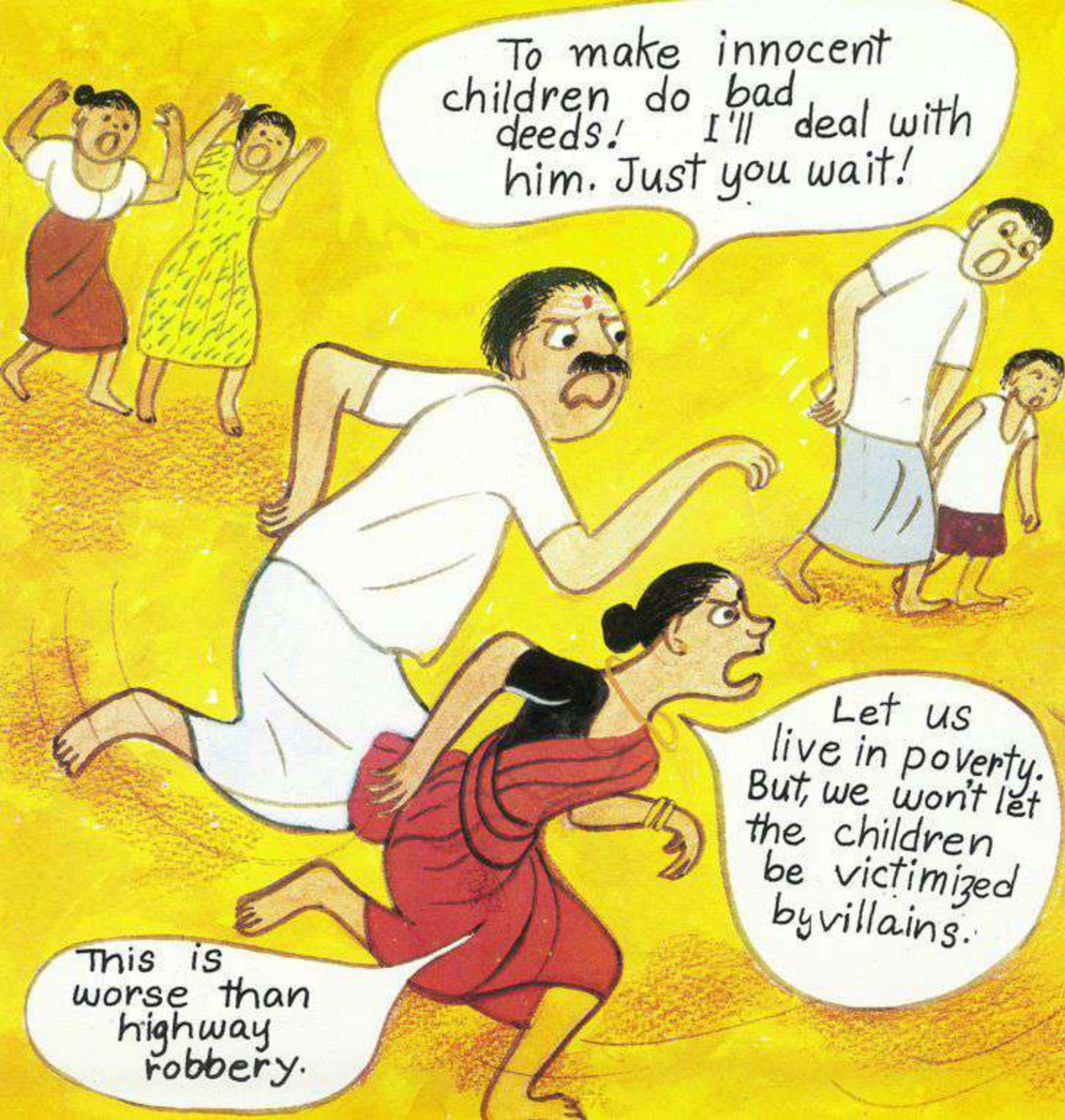


Here are the children. What business have you with them. Tell us also.

I am scared!

what a good thing, I told the police about this







Beg for
your needs.
That's better
indeed.

Now sing
a song of
policemen.
Quick! quick!

O! so you
are the one
who tried to
mislead the
kids.

Oh! no, By now
they are already
laying traps, for the
kids elsewhere.

Will his
'white' chums
come to bail
him out?

He can never undo
those knots all by
himself. What better
punishment for
such a one.

May the
Gods above
deal with
these criminals.

He will be kept
cool with the sea
waves; dashing on
him.

Can't go to school?

Why boy?
What happened?
Tell me.

Cut
school for
a long time

I don't
know how
to tell you
Grandpa.

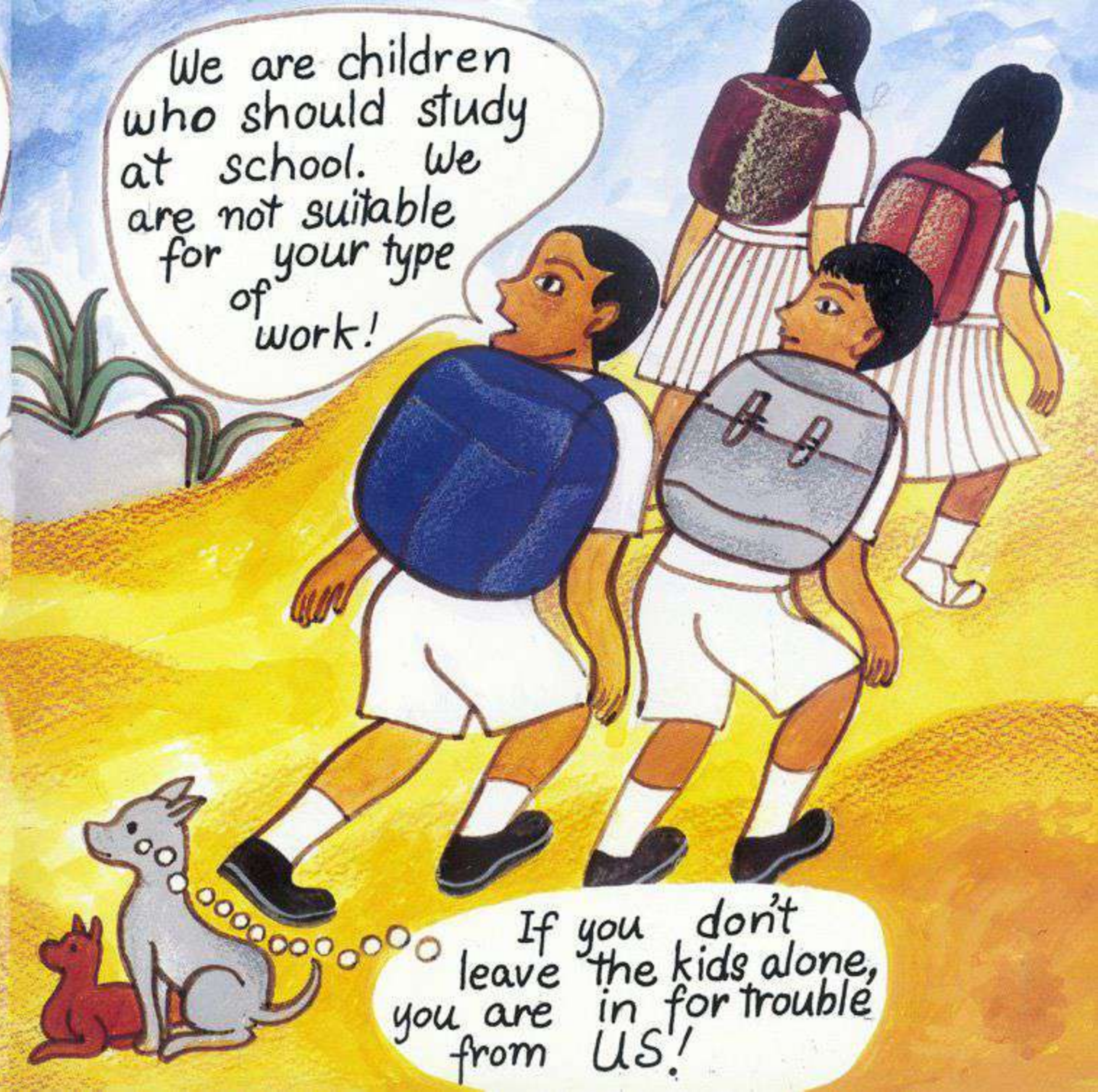
I will start work at
that coconut shell workshop,
from tomorrow. That aunt
promised to teach my
lessons in the
evenings.


I shall start
school once again.
I will tell the
teachers that I
was caught
up with.....

.....a
gang of
nasty folk,
down by
the beach.
Better to tell
the truth.

money
doesn't
last.....

But
knowledge is
everlasting.





Grandpa,
what is HIV
AIDS?

I don't
know whether
to tell this to
you or not,
son.

Best to
tell you, I
think.

you catch the
disease when the HIV
AIDS virus enters the body
of someone. This virus
enters the body
only through.....

....physical contact.
Children should never
allow anyone to touch
their private parts
under their clothes. This
is the only way children
can avoid the
HIV AIDS virus

AIDS is a
deadly
disease.

How does
anyone get it?

I don't
like a stranger
even touching
my hand.

me
too!

Petting
a child
nowadays,
seems to be a
thing of the
past.



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Go to school
To read and learn,
The road to poverty
Will then, be gone.
Learn a trade
And work your way,
Be honest and true
In every way.